

AVAPCD TO OFFER GRANTS FOR CLEANER ENGINES

Beginning September 11, 2000, the AVAPCD will begin accepting proposals for funding under the Carl Moyer Program. The statewide program, named in honor of the late Dr. Carl Moyer in recognition of his work in air quality, was established to reduce emissions by providing grants for the incremental cost of cleaner heavy duty vehicles and equipment. Such vehicles and equipment include on-road vehicles, off-road vehicles, marine vessels, locomotives, stationary agricultural pumps, forklifts, and airport ground support engines. Under the program, the AVAPCD plans to distribute \$225,000 in Carl Moyer funding which it received from the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Depending on the type of project proposed, "incremental cost" may be interpreted differently. For example, if a company plans to buy a new heavy-duty diesel truck, then the incremental cost is the difference between the cost of a conventional vehicle and that of a truck which emits 30 percent less oxides of nitrogen. It is also possible in some cases to fund the cost of repowering (replacement of an older, high-polluting engine with a new, cleaner engine) or the cost of retrofitting an engine.

Funding will generally be provided to eligible projects on a first-come, first-served basis. Criteria and guidelines for Carl Moyer Program projects are available on CARB's website at www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/moyer.htm. To request a hard copy of these guidelines or a copy of the Call for Projects, please call the Small Business and Transportation Coordinator at (760) 245-1661, ext. 5706.